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REMARKS

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1. On 6 October 1951, 27 tanks of an undetermined type and about 50 track-laying vehicles for crews of 4 to 6 men each were seen in a billeting area adjoining a former brickyard in the northwestern sector of Beroun (N 51/L 57), on the west side of the road to Brdatka, which is about 1 km northwest of Beroun. In the summer of 1951 the brickyard buildings were converted into garages. Soldiers observed there wore black collar patches. Tanks were repeatedly observed leaving the billeting area individually. A motor transport battalion previously quartered in the brickyard had moved to two large, low barracks buildings near the railroad bridge. The motor transport battalion was equipped with jeeps and trucks. From 10 to 15 former German guns with muzzle brakes were parked in the new billeting area of the motor transport battalion.
2. Soldiers wearing black collar patches and belonging to the unit quartered in the area near the brickyard in Beroun were quartered in the Masaryk Barracks, which consisted of several four-story buildings and was located opposite the brickyard. A large T-shaped building adjoining the barracks installation on the north, quartered a unit whose personnel wore red collar patches. This building was formerly called "Barracks for Candidates". There was another billeting installation in the Cerny Vrsek borough.
3. On Army Day, 6 October, a military demonstration involving troops with small guns, tanks and flame throwers was conducted at the drill ground north of Beroun.
4. The military district (sic) headquarters, commanded by Colonel Frank (fnu) until the spring of 1951, was located at 202 Stalinova trida. The SMB station was located in the ONV building at 20 Stalinova trida. *
5. In September 1951, a motorized infantry unit was quartered in the Masaryk Barracks on Sokol Square, Kladno. Three units, each with six trucks towing mortars and occupied by 10 soldiers, were repeatedly observed departing for training.

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6. In August 1951, a supply depot consisting of several brick buildings was located about 1 km east-southeast of the railroad bridge and east of Petrzalka (P 49/X 99) which is situated south of the Danube River. Three of the buildings were used as EM quarters, two for the storage of ration supplies, and three were used to store ammunition for small arms, machine guns and light artillery, mines and hand grenades. Four AA searchlights were parked between two of the buildings. According to soldiers with whom source was acquainted, heavy artillery, rockets, and flame throwers were stored underground.

25X1 * Comment. According to previous information, the 38th Mtz Inf Bn was stationed in Beroun and the 5th Mtz Inf Bn in Aladno. Both battalions were subordinate to the 5th Mtz Inf Div. A report of April 1951 referred to the division as the 5th Mecz Div. The present report tends to confirm this information since the unit mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 appears to be mechanized.

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